

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A management information correction device for a recording medium on which data and management information for managing playback or recording operation of the data are recorded, the device comprising:

5 correction manipulation means for outputting correction instruction information for correcting the management information under manipulation;

 management information holding means for holding the management information in the initial state and the management information corresponding to the current recording medium; and

10 correction control means for correcting an abnormal portion of the management information corresponding to the current recording medium held in the management information holding means with reference to the management information in the initial state in response to the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means.

15 2. The device of Claim 1, wherein the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means includes updating instruction information for updating management information on the recording medium, and

 the correction control means updates the management information on the recording
20 medium to the corrected management information corresponding to the current recording medium in response to the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means.

 3. The device of Claim 2, further comprising detection means for detecting the setting
25 state of recording permit/prohibit setting means placed on the recording medium for setting

whether recording is permitted or prohibited,

wherein the correction control means does not update the management information on the recording medium to the corrected management information corresponding to the current recording medium when the detection means detects that the recording permit/prohibit
5 setting means is in the recording prohibit state.

4. The device of Claim 2, wherein the correction manipulation means can output correction instruction information for selecting whether or not to execute the correction of an abnormal portion of the management information corresponding to the current
10 recording medium held in the management information holding means with reference to the management information in the initial state and the updating of the management information on the recording medium to the corrected management information.

5. The device of Claim 2, wherein the correction instruction information output
15 from the correction manipulation means includes return information for selectively instructing whether or not to return the current management information on the recording medium, which has been updated, to the management information before the updating,

the management information holding means keeps holding the current management information from the recording medium, and

20 the management information control means updates the management information on the recording medium and thereafter updates again the management information to the management information before the updating when the return information is included in the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means.

25 6. The device of any of Claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, further comprising playback

manipulation means for outputting playback instruction information instructing playback of data starting from a data recording start position when playback operation based on the management information fails after the correction of the current management information from the recording medium held in the management information holding means,

5 wherein the correction control means performs playback of data starting from the data recording start position on the recording medium in response to the playback instruction information from the playback manipulation means.

7. The device of any of Claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, further comprising recording
10 manipulation means for outputting recording instruction information instructing recording of data starting from a data recording start position when recording operation based on the management information fails after the correction of the current management information from the recording medium held in the management information holding means,

 wherein the correction control means performs recording of data starting from the
15 data recording start position on the recording medium in response to the recording instruction information from the recording manipulation means.

8. The device of Claim 1, wherein when a header address included in the management information corresponding to the current recording medium is abnormal, the
20 header address is corrected to a header address included in the management information in the initial state.